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CLOCK TICKING FOR MSG

Location change. Speaker Christine Quinn has come out in favor of Madison Square Garden moving from its current location once a 10-year lease is expired. **Eternal tenant.** MSG appeared before City Council yesterday to ask for an in-perpetuity lease. **In the way.** But advocates for a new Penn Station say the beleaguered station can't expand until MSG is gone. PAGE 04

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Quoted

"The Garden has moved in the past, and can do so again."

CHRISTINE QUINN

Council says time for MSG to find new home

Penn Station. The council speaker sent a letter to the head of Madison Square Garden.

The City Council held a hearing yesterday on a controversial proposal to relocate Madison Square Garden in order to revamp Penn Station.

The Garden's 50-year permit to occupy its current site expired in January. In December 2012, the Garden filed an application for an in perpetuity permit, which would allow it to remain at that location indefinitely.

The City Planning Commission put forward a recommendation for a 15-year permit, but advocates for a new Penn Station testified at the hearing, highlighting the issue of a loophole in the CPC recommendation.

The loophole would allow the Garden to remain there in perpetuity if it makes a deal with the railroads that operate within Penn Station.

The advocates urged the Council to provide the Garden with a 10-year permit, which they say is sufficient time for them to find a new site and build a new arena.

And it appears they have the support of some significant lawmakers within the city: namely City Council Speaker Christine Quinn, who wrote a letter to MSG President and CEO Hank Ratner yesterday expressing support for a 10-year permit for the Garden's current location.

"Planners erred 50 years ago when they permitted Madison Square Garden to operate in this location without land use review for half a century," Quinn wrote.

Quinn cited new development initiatives that are being built in the area, such as Hudson Yards, noting that the increase in business and residents will undoubtedly make the already overcrowded Penn Station, the busiest traffic hub in the nation, even busier.

She also pointed to the Garden's history: the Garden existed in two separate iterations at its original site at Madison Square Park and was relocated to 50th Street and Eighth Avenue before it ultimately landed on top of Penn Station.

In perhaps the most significant point in the letter that she sent, Quinn called for a new commission to be charged with finding "a new Manhattan home for a state-of-the-art Madison Square Garden" and for creating a new, revamped Penn Station that will help to accommodate the hundreds of thousands of passengers that flood through on a daily basis.

Movie director Spike Lee wore his beloved Knicks' colors on his wrist yesterday as he spoke at the Council hearing about Madison Square Garden. / WILLIAM ALATRISTE.

A new Penn Station

In December, Madison Square Garden filed an application that would allow it to remain at that location indefinitely.

- Advocates for a new Penn Station said that MSG should be given a 10-year permit, and move to a new site and build a new arena.
- Council Speaker Christine Quinn came in favor of asking Madison Square Garden to move once the 10-year permit is finished.
- If Madison Square Garden were to move it would allow room for Penn Station to grow.
- Hundreds of thousands of people pass through Penn Station daily.

New plan

"The 10-year period will ... give us time to create and implement a plan for the future of the site, and the entire area."

Christine Quinn

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Four injured after car jumps curb

A police officer clears the scene after the East Village car crash. / GETTY IMAGES

Three pedestrians and a bicyclist were wounded in a motor vehicle crash in the East Village yesterday, police reported.

The incident occurred around 6:58 a.m., cops said, when a white Nissan Altima driving southbound on Second Avenue jumped the curb between Fifth and Fourth streets.

Preliminary police reports indicate the car, driven by a 32-year-old man with a female passenger, hit a sign, a fire hydrant and a tree.

The driver then hit three men in front of a grocery store, police said. Two of the victims, age 38 and 53, suffered nonlife-threatening injuries.

The third victim, 62, was in serious condition. All three were taken to Bellevue Hospital.

The men were watering plants outside the store when they were hit, cops said.

Cops said the driver continued farther, where he hit a 37-year-old man on a CitiBike. That victim was taken to Bellevue Hospital, along with the driver, who was listed in stable condition.

Police have identified the driver as Shaun Martin of Queens.

DANIELLE TCHOLAKIAN

Teacher charged with rape of 10-year-old girl

Bronx. The tenured teacher allegedly sent sexual emails to the young girl.

A teacher at P.S. 386 in the Bronx was arrested yesterday on charges of raping his 10-year-old student, police reported.

Police identified the teacher as Bronx resident Anthony Criscuolo. He is being charged with rape in the first degree and predatory sexual assault against a child.

Criscuolo allegedly told his student's mother he was taking the girl to an award ceremony, but instead took her to a school parking lot and raped her in his car. Criscuolo is a tenured teacher in the New York City public school system. The Department of Education said that it will seek to terminate his employment.

A male teacher was arrested. METRO ARCHIVE

The Bronx Special Victims Squad launched an investigation Tuesday morning when the victim's mother reportedly contacted police after she found e-mails sent between her 10-year-old daughter and her daughter's 40-year-old teacher.

Police reported that the "sexual nature" of the e-mails gave probable cause to arrest Criscuolo.

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Brutal crime

Cops arrest suspect in eye-stabbing

Police arrested a man they say fatally stabbed a livery driver in the eye last week.

Shamel Allen, 28, has been charged with manslaughter.

LAURA SHIN

Botched robbery

Suspect killed in Brooklyn shooting

An NYPD officer shot and killed Thomas Robinson, a robbery suspect who fired at cops in Brooklyn early Wednesday morning, police said.

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Animal cruelty

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Cuomo strikes deal for Vegas-style casinos

Feeling lucky. The deal would initially allow for casinos in upstate New York.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo struck a deal with state lawmakers to license new resort-style casinos, in an effort to help revive a stagnant economy in upstate New York, the governor said yesterday.

The agreement would amend the state constitution to legalize public casino gambling with an initial four Las-Vegas style casinos in the Hudson Valley, the Binghamton area and Albany region.

Until now, New York has allowed table gambling only on Native American tribal land or slot machine gambling at horse racing tracks.

The new casinos are supposed to help revive New York's economy. / GETTY IMAGES

Economic boost

"This legislation is a major step forward in our efforts to both capitalize on this economic development and tourism potential."
Cuomo

"Today's agreement with the legislature would establish world-class destination gaming resorts to attract tourists to upstate New York," Cuomo said.

A vote on the New York deal is expected tomorrow, before the state legislative session ends. New York can only legalize casinos if two successively elected legislatures enact bills, meaning the legislature would take to approve the measure again next session.

Voters would then have to approve a constitutional amendment legalizing casino gambling.

In addition to the first four casinos, the bill also includes a proposal for a video slot machine center with about 2,000 machines in the Long Island area, said Rich Azzopardi, a spokesman for Cuomo's office.

Seven years after those licenses are sold, another round of casino licensing would be allowed for three casinos, that could also be built in the New York City area, Azzopardi said.

Gambling opponents say casinos use deceptive tactics to lure addicts, and should be held accountable. REUTERS

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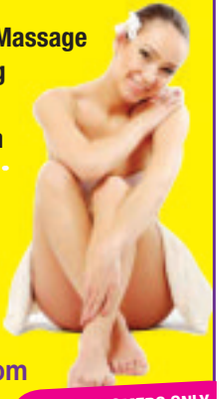

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FBI director. IRS tax exemption probe is agency's top priority

More than a dozen FBI agents are assigned to the criminal investigation into the Internal Revenue Service's added scrutiny of conservative political groups seeking tax-exempt status, FBI Director Robert Mueller said yesterday.

"It's a high-priority investigation and it needs to be handled with care, but it also needs to be pushed aggressively because it's a very important case," Mueller told the Senate Judiciary Committee at a hearing.

United States Attorney General Eric Holder said on May 14 that the FBI had opened a criminal investigation into IRS conduct as the tax agency struggled to review hundreds of applications for tax exemptions from advocacy groups.

REUTERS

Legal status

Groups urge Senate to pass immigration bill

Seeking to boost momentum for a broad immigration bill, the country's top manufacturing association and one of the largest labor unions joined forces to push Congress to pass the legislation.

The bill, which is backed by President Obama, faces its steepest challenge in the GOP-dominated House.

REUTERS

'Sopranos' star James Gandolfini dies at 51 of heart attack in Italy

Actor. Gandolfini, born in Westwod, N.J., was attending a film festival in Europe at the time of his death.

James Gandolfini, who won three Emmys for his role as Tony Soprano on HBO's "The Sopranos," reportedly died in Italy yesterday after suffering a heart attack, TMZ reports. He was 51.

Gandolfini was in Italy to attend the 59th Taormina Film Festival in Sicily. He first garnered fame playing a hit man in 1993's "True Romance."

But it was his role as the brash, troubled mob boss Tony Soprano that earned him legions of fans during the six-season HBO series.

Gandolfini is survived by wife Deborah Lin, who gave birth to the couple's daughter in October. He has a teenage son from a previous marriage.

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Quoted

"I'd also never been around actors before. And I said to myself, 'These people are nuts; this is kind of interesting.'"

Gandolfini
once said to Time magazine

Three-time Emmy winner James Gandolfini starred in the "Sopranos." / GETTY IMAGES

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Speech. President challenges Russia to cut nukes further

President Barack Obama used a speech in Berlin yesterday to call on Russia to revive the push for a world without nuclear weapons, offering to cut deployed nuclear arsenals by a third, but Moscow immediately poured scorn on his proposal.

Speaking in Berlin, Obama urged Russia to help build on the "New START" treaty that requires both countries to cut stockpiles of deployed nuclear weapons to 1,550 each by 2018.

The speech was given a frosty reception by Moscow, which said it could "not take such proposals seriously" while Washington was beefing up its own anti-missile defenses. REUTERS

Ease tension

North Korea repeats offer for nuclear talks

A top North Korean diplomat repeated an offer for international talks over his country's disputed nuclear program during a meeting in China saying the denuclearization of the peninsula was the "dying wish" of North Korea's founder.

The Beijing trip by First Vice Foreign Minister Kim Kye-gwan comes just days after North Korea offered talks with the United States to ease tension that spiked this year when the North threatened the United States and South Korea with nuclear war. REUTERS

Afghan government to shun US talks with Taliban

Karzai said the opening of the Taliban office in Qatar showed the United States had failed to honor promises made to the Afghan state about the role of that office. / GETTY IMAGES

Quoted

"The suspension of the talks will continue until there is clarity from the United States." Afghan official

Change. Commitments by the U.S. and the Taliban to meet have raised hopes for a negotiated peace.

Afghan President Hamid Karzai said yesterday his government would not join U.S. peace talks with the Taliban and halted negotiations with Washington on a troop pact, underscoring the fragile nature of hopes for a negotiated peace in Afghanistan.

The United States and the Taliban have said officials from both sides will meet in Doha, the capital of Qatar, today in a step forward for a stuttering peace process after 12 years of bloody and costly war between U.S.-led forces and the insurgents.

But Afghan officials, angered by the opening of a Taliban political office in Doha on Tuesday, said the United States had violated assurances it would not give official status to the insurgents.

"As long as the peace process is not Afghan-led, the High Peace Council will not participate in the talks in Qatar," Karzai said in a statement, referring to a body he set up in 2010 to seek a negotiated peace with the Taliban.

Underlining the importance of the process to the United States, the State Department said Secretary of State John Kerry would travel to Doha for meetings with senior Qatari officials on Friday and Saturday. A U.S. delegation had arrived in Qatar earlier for the Taliban negotiations, a diplomatic source said. REUTERS

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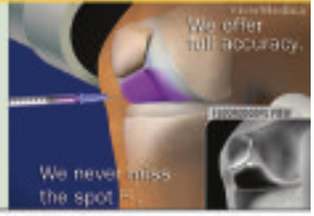

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Brazil protests proceed as smaller cities join the fray

Protesters confront riot police officers yesterday as they block access to the Castelao Stadium in Fortaleza. / GETTY IMAGES

Complaints. The nationwide protests were sparked by the transportation fare increases.

Protesters blocked roads in Sao Paulo and marched toward a stadium hosting a major international soccer game in Brazil's northeast yesterday in a growing wave of nationwide demonstrations against poor public services, inflation and other woes in Latin America's biggest country.

After more than a week, the biggest series of protests to sweep Brazil in more than two decades continued in major capitals and moved into smaller cities. Focused at first in cities like Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro and the capital, Brasilia, demonstrations in more than 70 smaller cities were expected across the country today.

Yesterday's protests in Sao Paulo, the site of the most frequent marches, followed overnight demonstrations that led to looting and vandalism. Police arrested more than 63 people after protesters torched a police facility, tried to storm City Hall and broke windows and ransacked stores.

"People have the right to participate in protests," Sao Paulo Mayor Fernando Haddad said at a news conference. He was critical, however, of unrest that interfered with "the right to get to work, to get home." REUTERS

Quoted

"They say the demonstrations impede the right to come and go of the population. ... It is the people demonstrating who are in fact fighting to guarantee that right."

Free Fare Movement, a protest group that is pushing for free transportation and is one of the chief organizers of the demonstrations

Calm

Government, protesters seek to draw sting from unrest

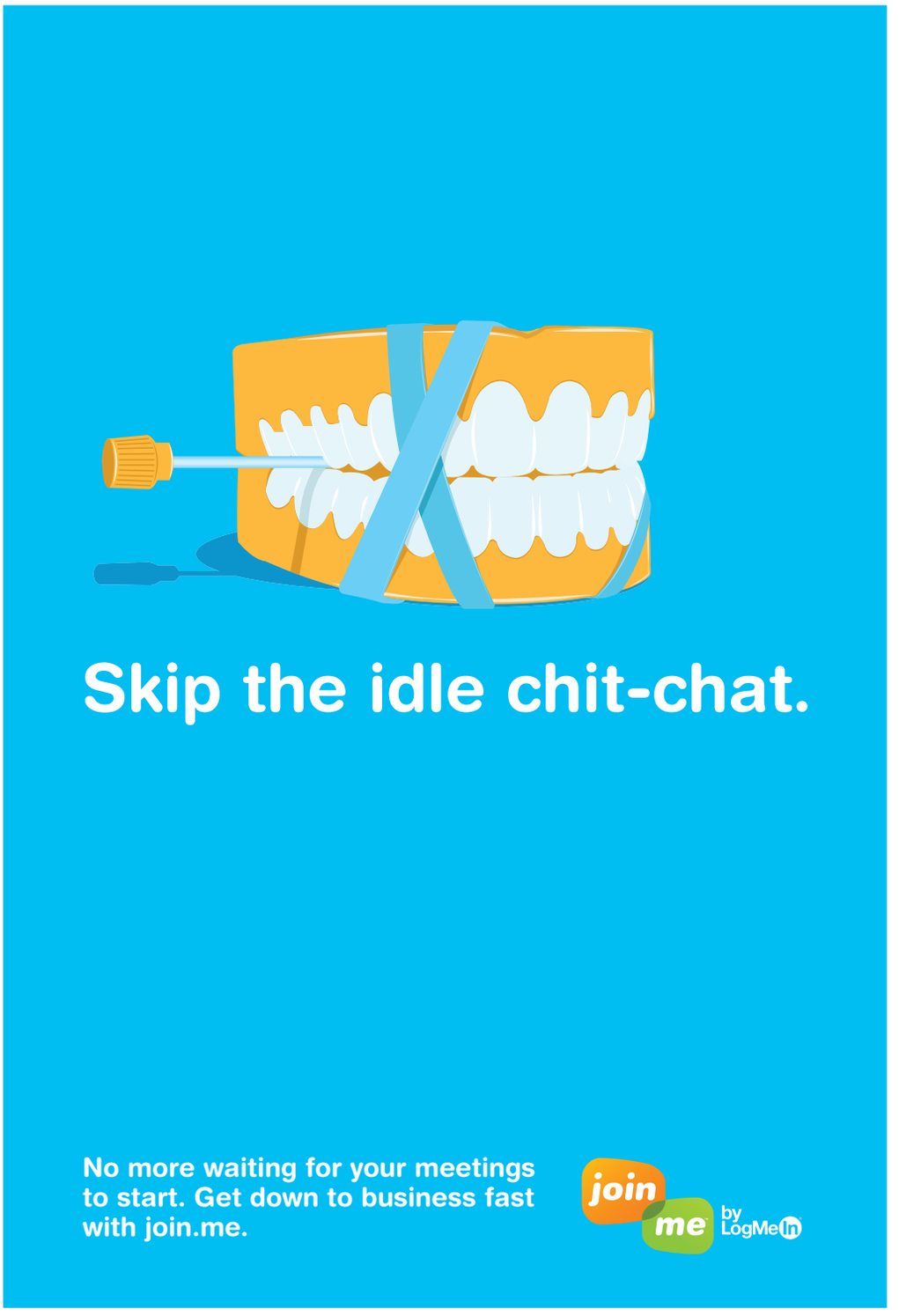
Turkey's deputy prime minister said yesterday he had no objection to silent anti-government protests inspired by a symbolic "Standing Man" vigil, comments that could help draw the sting out of three weeks of often violent demonstrations.

Protests against Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan's government have become increasingly creative in recent days, as police and demonstrators seek to avoid the fierce clashes that have dented Turkey's reputation for stability in the volatile Middle East.

Police fired teargas and water cannon to disperse around 5,000 demonstrators in the northern city of Eskisehir overnight, Dogan news agency said, and there were small disturbances in Ankara, but nowhere near the scale of previous weeks.

In Istanbul, the cradle of the unrest that has unsettled markets and presented Erdogan with the greatest public challenge of his 10-year rule, a sense of calm returned to streets around the central Taksim Square that saw nights of running battles.

Hundreds of protesters stood silently on squares including Taksim, as well as in Ankara and other cities. REUTERS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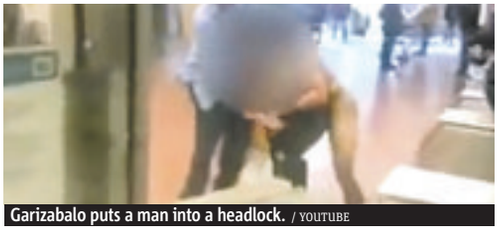
Skin. Naked gymnast faces charges over transit stop conduct

A trained gymnast whose naked acrobatics and harassment of passengers at a San Francisco public transit station were captured on video and circulated widely on the Internet is facing criminal charges over his antics, authorities said.

Yeiner Alberto Perez Garizabalo, 24, was caught on video doing handstands and contortions on turnstiles and front flips off a concrete newsstand — all in the nude — at a Bay Area Rapid Transit District station on May 10.

The video that drew more than half a million hits on YouTube shows dozens of people watching idly or ignoring Garizabalo as he accosted at least three passengers during his gymnastics routine, putting a man in a headlock and charging two women before being arrested by BART police.

Garizabalo was committed to a nearby hospital after his arrest, but no police report was filed and he was released the following day, said Stephanie Ong Stillman, spokeswoman for the San Francisco district attorney's office. REUTERS



Garizabalo puts a man into a headlock. / YOUTUBE

FBI ends latest search for Hoffa's body

The FBI has called off a search for the remains of former Teamsters boss Jimmy Hoffa in a field near Detroit yesterday, FBI official Robert Foley said, extending nearly 38 years of frustration to find the elusive corpse. The hunt was in its third day yesterday when Foley, head of the investigative agency's Detroit office, told reporters no evidence of human remains had been found and the area was being returned to its owner. / GETTY IMAGES

Recommendations

Group votes to recognize obesity as a disease

In order to fight what it described as an "obesity epidemic," the American Medical Association voted on Tuesday to recognize obesity as a disease and recommended a number of measures to fight it.

The association voted on the measure at its annual meeting in Chicago. The AMA noted that obesity rates in the United States have "doubled among adults in the last 20 years and tripled among children in a single generation" and that the World Health Organization, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and Internal Revenue Service already recognize the condition as a disease. REUTERS

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Microsoft offering hefty bounties to thwart hackers

Wanted. The best hackers are heavily recruited by the military, intelligence agencies and big corporations.

Microsoft Corp. is looking to recruit computer geeks in its ongoing efforts to protect Windows PCs from attacks, offering rewards of as much as $150,000 to anybody who helps identify and fix major security holes in its software.

Microsoft unveiled the rewards program, one of the most generous in the high-tech industry to date, yesterday as it sought ways to prevent sophisticated attackers from subverting new security technologies it has introduced in the latest versions of the Windows operating system.

The program is open to computer experts as young as 14, though minors need permission from their parents. Residents of countries under U.S. sanctions, such as Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Sudan and Syria, are banned from the program.

The sheer size of the bonus is likely to grab the attention of the hacking community, though claiming the big money will require them to do battle with Microsoft's latest anti-hacking technology and then detail their approach. REUTERS

Quoted

"It's pretty generous, though what they are asking for is a pretty high bar." Chris Wysopal, chief technology officer of Veracode, a security firm that helps identify software bugs

Some other big technology firms already offer similar programs. Google has doled out $1.7 million in three years. / BILLY BECERRA, METRO

Disease

Cervical cancer vaccines cut rates of HPV infections

The introduction of a vaccine to prevent cervical cancer in 2006 has reduced infections with the human papillomavirus, or HPV, by more than half among girls and young women, U.S. health officials said yesterday.

The results were better than expected and may even suggest that unvaccinated individuals are benefiting because of a drop in the number of infections circulating, the team reported in the Journal of Infectious Diseases.

"The report should be a wake-up call to our nation to protect the next generation by increasing HPV vaccination rates," Thomas Frieden, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said in a statement. REUTERS

Cleveland

More charges planned against accused kidnapper

Prosecutors want to bring additional charges as soon as possible against a former Cleveland school bus driver accused of holding three women captive in his home and torturing them for a decade, authorities said yesterday.

Ariel Castro has pleaded not guilty to more than 300 charges against him, including rape and kidnapping, in connection with the imprisonment of Amanda Berry, 27, Gina DeJesus, 23, and Michelle Knight, 32.

Prosecutors expect to present evidence to a grand jury in the next two weeks to add more charges against Castro, Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Timothy McGinty said during a brief pre-trial hearing. REUTERS

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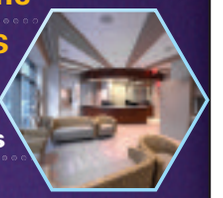

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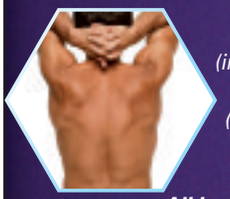

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Twitter feed

We check in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Adam Scott is watching reality TV, and Ralph Macchio is playing around online.

@mradamscott: I applaud this year's Bachelorette for being honest enough to behave as if she is in a nightmare.

@ralphmacchio: Do not really understand Instagram. Feels like just another thing to manage. But giving it a whirl. And tweeps like the pic effects.

MOST READ STORIES IN THE LAST 72 HOURS

1 Kim Kardashian Is a Mom!
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2 Kim Kardashian Is Close to Choosing Baby Name
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3 Kim Kardashian Calls Motherhood 'So Crazy'
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4 Kim Kardashian and Baby Are 'Healthy & Resting,' Says Khloé
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5 Kanye West Rushed to Kim Kardashian's Side for Delivery
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1 Kim is extremely popular online

I was digging around the Internet yesterday for stories for today's column and stumbled upon the above at People.com. These are the top stories on their website for the past 72 hours. It is all Kim, all the time.

And even though I write about her all the time, this shocked me. I mean, I know she has millions of followers on Twitter. I know the Kardashian Kollection is a multimillion-dollar business. She and her family practically own the E! network. Basically, I know she gets the clicks — but does she really get all of them? Not even People's "Here Comes Honey Boo Boo Premiere Will Be a 'Watch 'n Sniff' Event" article can crack the Kardashian domination on their site? What is this world coming to?

2 Yet another success for Pitt and Jolie

Everything that Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie touches turns to gold. Their most recent giant success? Their first wine, the 2012 Chateau Miraval Cotes de Provence Rosé, which went on sale in March. "It's been selling like hotcakes," Christian Navarro of Wally's Wines and Spirits tells E! News. "We have had great success with it."

Navarro says he sold 500 bottles of the wine within the first few hours of it going on sale. Pitt and Jolie's wine, which retails for $24.99, comes from their 1,000-acre French estate, and a variety of red wines is planned for early 2014.

THE WORD

Dorothy Robinson takes on the world of gossip.

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3 Miley Cyrus admits to using pot

Miley Cyrus told Rolling Stone she thinks alcohol is way more dangerous than marijuana. "People can be mad at me for saying that, but I don't care." she said. "As long as it isn't illegal, there are far more dangerous things. And it's legal in the state of California. So I'm happy to live in California, a place where you can be whoever you want to be."

And so finally, dear readers, we have an explanation behind her recent outfit choices.

4 Demi Moore's revenge

Demi Moore has reportedly been showing off photos to friends that highlight ex-husband Ashton Kutcher's … shortcomings. Sources tell Star magazine that Moore had previously confided in friends that Kutcher was not the most well-endowed lover she's had, and now she's reportedly flashing pictures on her phone to pals that prove it. "Demi is still hurting that Ashton cheated and then rebounded so soon after their split," a source says. "It could be the angle, but the photos don't leave a big impression."

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Premiere of 'Madonna: The MDNA Tour'

Hilton hottie

1 Heiress **Nicky Hilton** was pretty in pink at the premiere of Madonna's tour doc, "Madonna: The MDNA Tour," held at the Paris Theatre in New York City Tuesday.

Ms. Stewart

2 **Martha Stewart** is a Madonna fan? Apparently. The domestic goddess made a quick dash into the theater.

'Project' Siriano

3 Designer **Christian Siriano** appeared cool and casual.

Fashion 'Roy'alty

4 Designer **Rachel Roy** popped up.

Bravo, Andy

5 "Watch What Happens Live" host **Andy Cohen** was also there (of course he was).

Who's that girl?

6 The lady of the hour, **Madonna**.

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10 Films out right now

1 'World War Z' A PG-13 zombie movie that underwent massive reshoots and is directed by the guy who made the only boring Bond movie ever? Best of luck with that.

2 'Monsters University' Once upon a time, "Monsters, Inc." was the worst Pixar movie, due to it only being really incredibly wonderful instead of insanely, amazingly wonderful. Now that the company is mostly doing sequels, we'll just take one that at least doesn't feature Larry the Cable Guy.

Brad Pitt and family go on a nice shopping trip in "World War Z." JAAP BUITENDIJK

3 'A Hijacking' Tobias Lindholm's Danish import is a pirate adventure, if a realistic one, in which Somali invaders take over a cargo ship and stretch out the ordeal for months while corporate bigwigs take their sweet time agreeing on a ransom price.

4 'Unfinished Song' Remember that gruesome documentary "Young@Heart," about old people singing contemporary pop hits? This is the fiction version, only with grouchy Terrence Stamp terrifying everyone, including nice conductor Gemma Arterton.

5 'Maniac' William Lustig's sleazy 1980 number — about a traumatized man running about NYC collecting women's scalps — gets a gory face-lift, with Elijah Wood and shot entirely in first-person POV.

6 'The Attack' Ziad Doueiri, who cut his teeth working for Tarantino, tells of an assimilated Arab in Tel Aviv who discovers his wife may have been involved in a recent suicide bombing.

7 'Man of Steel' The last time Superman returned, the result "only" grossed $400 million. But such dismal box office earnings totally didn't happen again, even though this also stars a nobody (Henry Cavill) and also pays slavish homage to the Christopher Reeve S-Man films (aka, the good ones).

8 'This Is the End' Having moved on to better (or lesser) things, the Apatow clan reunites for this, only the third recent comedy about the apocalypse, and the second (after "Rapture-Palooza") with Craig Robinson. Michael Cera's cokehead routine is as lovely as you might have heard.

9 'The Bling Ring' A filmmaker (in)famous for work sympathetic toward bored richies focuses instead on those who aspire to be them, tackling the true story of teens who stole from the likes of Paris Hilton and Orlando Bloom. Emma Watson co-stars.

10 'Twenty Feet From Stardom' The underheralded likes of Darlene Love and Merry Clayton finally get their documentary due in this profile of background singers.

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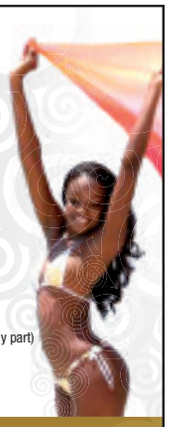

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LOVE BITES

Unfinished legacy. Courtney has choice words for promoters, former bandmates, bands who reunite and just about everybody.

She is doll parts. Courtney Love is pictured here performing live earlier this year. / C FLANIGAN, FILMMAGIC

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When interviewing Courtney Love, you don't want to upset her, especially within the first minute.

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This is news to her, and she vows to let the responsible parties know her thoughts. "I'm gonna tear someone's f—ing head off," she says.

Through all of the tangents the rest of the call takes — and it takes many, from Rod Stewart to investment strategies — she keeps returning to this new info. And whatever commentary isn't about how her show was advertised is peppered with similar bitterness.

"If you want to see something really miserable, watch that Pixies reunion frickin' documentary," she says at one point.

Love insists this tour is not a greatest hits show. She says she has an album's worth of new material recorded and will be drawing from those songs.

"I'm not playing the singles though, which are the funnest ones," she says. "I don't want them to leak."

So if the only new songs she's playing are not the so-called funnest ones, how does she stay fresh?

"I stay fresh and dainty all the time, and I'm really good at taking baths," she jokes, picking apart the phrasing of this reporter, "but beyond that, I'm not ever going to do that oldies circuit thing ever."

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Quoted

"I don't know. I haven't found it yet. It's not finished. I think I've left some, but I don't think I've left most of it. Definitely."

Love, on what her legacy might be

The Hole story

'Go on, take everything!'

Love says that since her last full release, the 2010 Hole album "Nobody's Daughter," she has given up the Hole moniker and the idea of any sort of reunion with the formative lineup, which included drummer Patty Schemel, guitarist Eric Erlandson and bassist Melissa Auf der Maur.

"I would be happy — as much as I love Shawn [Dailey, bassist] — to take Melissa back, but Melissa won't do it unless Eric does it, and I'm not doing it with Eric," she says at an uninterruptible pace. "I just won't do it. The guy went into my storage, took 74 guitars out of storage, took my entire backline, which is Kurt's backline, so one side says Hole, the other side says Nirvana. … I'm about to start pressing charges against him on like, robbery, a whole bunch of criminal matters. … I really can't envision touring with that a—hole, so that's the end of that."

TV watch list

PAGEANT

'The 2013 Miss USA Competition'

Beauties from across the nation compete to prove who is brainiest (haha, just kidding) and loveliest of all in this year's big pageant. Let's just hope that nobody gets asked any more questions about income inequality, and we'll all get out of this thing alive. **8 P.M., E!**

REALITY

'My Crazy Obsession'

In this episode of the totally engrossing — and totally horrifying — show that explores weirdos with strange compulsions, a woman owns a pet squirrel. Her obsession, it seems, is staging photo shoots for this squirrel. If you have some time to kill tonight, stay tuned for the following episode in which a woman eats out of dumpsters (and only out of dumpsters) and a man has a thing for eating bugs. **10 P.M., DFH**

REALITY

'The Show With Vinny'

"Jersey Shore"'s Vinny interviews "celebrities" in his childhood home. Tonight's guests are Erica Mena and Austin Mahone. You see the reason for those quotation marks, no? **10 P.M., MTV**

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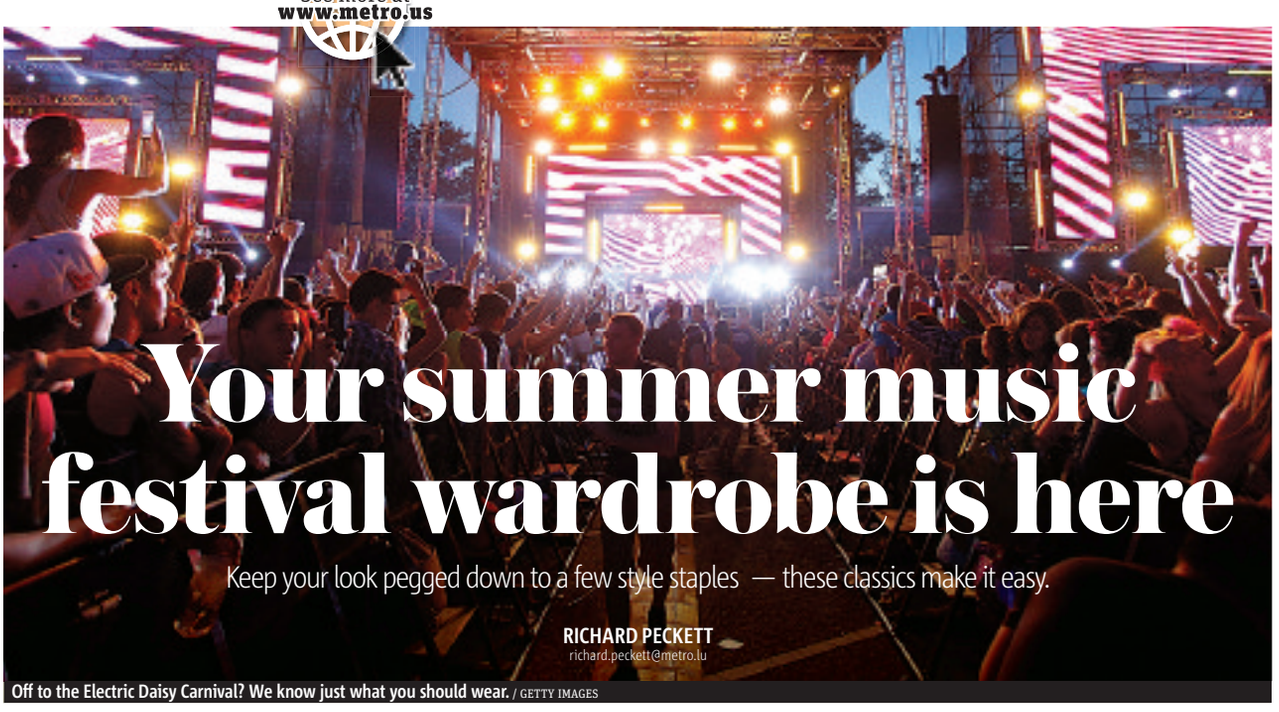

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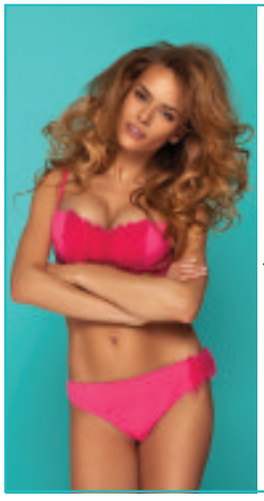

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The "True Blood" actress on Jessica Hamby's sexy new style and why she wouldn't glamour away a thing.

VAMPIRE AND VIXEN

Hoyt, Jessica and Jason: Will the saga continue in season 6?
There's certainly some saga with Jessica and Jason. They've been left without Hoyt now. [Hoyt's] in Alaska and he doesn't remember [them]. That part is settled.

Ah, yes, Jess glamoured him. Are there times in your personal life you've wished you could do that?
I don't know if I would want to do that. I already live in fear that there are things I've done that have impacted or hurt other people. I don't even know if I'd want to forget the hurt that I've experienced. I struggled a lot with kids in my school. I endured a little bit of bullying. It was lonely. It was hard to find people who didn't think I was lame. …I wouldn't want to forget anything that has been done to hurt me. But I can understand why Hoyt would want to.

What can you tell us about the new season?
The humans have a lot more information about vampires because they came out of the closet, so a lot of their secrets are being revealed and they know better ways to fight them. You'll see some new weaponry. There's definitely a strong sense of threat. The humans are now able to put themselves on equal footing.

Jessica has gone through quite a style transformation since she first appeared on the show.
You know, I always used to say that until maybe season 5, Jessica was always dressed by the men in her life. In the first few seasons it was Bill, who dressed her how he thought a teenager should look. And then, Hoyt dressed her how he wanted his wife to look. So she never got a chance to experiment with her style. So I liked season 5 because she could choose her own clothes.

I remember her wearing a lot of lingerie looks, a lot of fishnets.
I really enjoyed that Betsey Johnson look in the first episode of season 5, when I go to Fangtasia to see Tara and we end up bonding and getting in that fist fight. I loved that fun, punk '80s feel to it. I had these great, pink high-heel boots. They worked for going out, bonding with her best vampire friend and a badass fight.

Her skin care

"I'm easy. I love good, old-fashioned unscented Lubriderm."

Her red hair

"I've been dyeing my hair out of a L'Oreal Excellence box from the grocery store for 14 years. The same strawberry blond color every time."

Her makeup bag

"I use a lot of Chapstick. I don't ever want to get to a point where I don't feel pretty without makeup. So I tend not to wear anything when I'm not at work."

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Don't date, hook up with or marry a—holes. You'll feel more alone than if you were single. That said, even when you find a great lover, tough times eventually come, and you must work through them. Fighting with a new partner is a delicate art. You want to be honest about feelings and expectations; at the same time, you may be afraid the other person will think you're overly sensitive or a raving lunatic. Go for it anyway. Argue. In those early, heated moments, how do you both behave? Let's set some ground rules and talk about your first fights.

Fighting with a partner can be delicate. / BRAND X PICTURES

How to fight fairly

- **Do** grow some balls or ovaries and don't stoop to mocking, name-calling or manipulation.
- **Don't** use empty threats as ultimatums. Avoid repeatedly saying, "If you keep doing this, I'm going to leave you." Either leave or don't.
- **Do** remember, when it comes to keeping drama out of your love life, "prevention is the best cure." Dating and hooking up are processes of elimination.
- **Don't** abuse or tolerate abuse.

How to fight in the bedroom

- **Don't** stay up arguing endlessly for hours. Try to come to a resolution on which you both can rest — even if only for the night.

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- **Do** have makeup sex and eventually go to sleep ... you know, the other stuff people do on mattresses.

How to fight in public

- **Don't** assume fighting means shouting. Ages ago, I learned: Lose your temper, lose the argument. It's a simple but good rule.
- **Don't** forget you are in control of your anger. Others can trigger you, but the response is your choosing.
- **Don't** be afraid to say what's pissing you off in the moment, even if you aren't alone. It can be awkward and annoying to discuss, "Six hours ago, I didn't like it when you did blah blah blah."

How to fight in front of friends and family

- **Don't** drag your audience into the fight.
- **Don't** belittle the other person.
- **Do** keep it simple. Say what you have to say and move on. For example, if someone is silencing you by speaking on your behalf, remind them, "I can speak for myself." No need to say it sharply.

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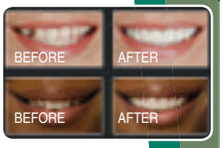

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Drinks, then dinner: Normally that's a great date-night combo, but in Manhattan in high summer, it's a sweaty schlep. We took the sweaty out and put the sexy back by pairing these bars with nearby restaurants — no multiple subway hops, no parking nightmares, no added cab hailing.

Arrive, drink and dine without hitting hot pavement. **Center Bar** opened in October on the fourth floor of the Time Warner Center and is still a hidden oasis for drinks and bar bites. Michael Lomonaco, executive chef at the Michelin-starred Porter House down the hall, oversees this sleek semi-circular bar, so nibbles are exquisite. Overlooking a leafy city skyline, the bar has a calm open-plan design that's very relaxing. After a classic champagne cocktail or two, take the elevator down one floor to **Landmarc,** a modern Italian-inspired eatery.

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The most romantic table is the small pod, a capsule that separates from the bustle. Pastas are the thing here, but there's grilled salmon with ratatouille, or, perfect for summer, a chopped salad of celery, cucumber, hearts of palm, tomatoes and beets. Cute desserts are bite-sized: The espresso-rich tiramisu is the perfect pick-me-up.

For a downtown vibe and a touch of romantic old Vienna, **Edi & the Wolf**, a tavern in the East Village from Michelin-starred chefs Eduard Frauneder and Wolfgang Ban, makes for a cozy destination. Start with drinks at its newish sister bar, **The Third Man**. It's named for the 1949 Hitchcockian thriller, so forgive them for naming a lime-laced, prosecco-topped mescal cocktail after Orson Welles' character Harry Lime.

If it's a super-special night, book ahead at one of the newest names in the Michelin guide, **Atera**. Start with drinks at The Lounge at Atera, located directly beneath the restaurant (now we're talking tiptoe distance!). The vibe at both is very now, echoing chef Matthew Lightner's modernist ideals.

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Get romantic

Why these spots?

Atera, The Lounge at Atera: This is the most quietly smoldering coupling since Bogart and Bacall. Put your lips together and blow. 77 Worth St., 212-226-1444

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Edi & the Wolf: Inspired decor, including a leafy conservatory, and an old-world vibe bring out the vamp ... or wolf. 102 Ave. C, 212-598-1040.

Landmarc: Sleek and sexy, yet not so financially stressful: The wine mark-up is often as low as retail. 10 Columbus Circle, third floor, 212-823-6123.

The Third Man: After a couple of Harry Limes, date night should be swinging! 116 Ave. C, 212-598-1040.

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The roofs are on fire

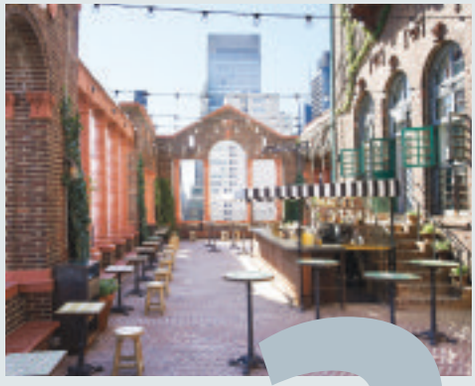
This summer, we're flocking to these rooftop bars for a taste of the high life. **MEREDITH ENGEL**

Loopy Doopy at the Conrad Hotel

102 North End Ave., 212-945-0100
Tucked away in Battery Park City, Loopy Doopy is the perfect escape for those looking to avoid the midtown crowds. The bar, 16 stories up, offers views of the Statue of Liberty and New York Harbor. Nibble on pickle peppers with hummus, and dive into the roof's signature prosecco-ice pop hybrid, which dunks an ice pop into a big glass of bubbly. There are five new flavors: Appletini (with Absolut Hibiscus), Orangeade (with Cointreau), Morello Cherry (with 10 Cane Rum), Lime Margarita (with Sauza Tequila) and Pina Colada (with Malibu).

Upstairs at the Kimberly

145 E. 50th St., 212-888-1220
Three is the number here: 360-degree views, 3,000 square feet and three separate indoor and outdoor areas, replete with twinkling lights, a retractable glass ceiling and plenty of greenery. The space purposely stays away from outdoor lounge-type furniture in favor of a grander, more elegant setting (think tufted leather banquets and heated hardwood floors). Sample small plates from chef David Andrews, who honed his skills working alongside Marcus Samuelsson, and sip cocktails made by mixing maestro Alex Ott of SUSHISAMBA fame.



Pod 39 Hotel

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What the micro-hotel lacks in room sizes, it makes up for in a roof deck. Decorated with brick arches and terra-cotta columns, the two-story open space boasts views of the Empire State Building, Chrysler Building and East River. Enjoy an abbreviated menu from the April Bloomfield-led Salvation Taco, whose permanent digs are downstairs.

The Press Lounge at Ink 48

653 11th Ave., 212-757-2224
The sister spot to the hotel's well-received PRINT. Restaurant, The Press Lounge carries a bit of refinery — no flip-flops, caps and athletic tees allowed. But once you're in, prepare to be dazzled: Cool your feet in the rooftop's narrow, shallow pool or warm up by the portable fireplace. Bonus: The roof provides eye-level views for the Macy's Fourth of July fireworks.

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This chef wants to serve you champagne and strawberries

Hot chef.
Hakkasan's Rory Macdonald makes sweets shine.

Rory Macdonald is in the kitchen at Hakkasan (311 W. 43rd St., 212-776-1818). / BESS ADLER, METRO

Since opening its doors in April 2012, midtown's Hakkasan has been known for creating premiere Chinese cuisine. One of the unsung heroes of the restaurant, though, is executive pastry chef Rory Macdonald. His array of mouthwatering sweets, from coconut pudding to apple mille-feuille, proves that the sweets at Hakkasan are much more than an afterthought. We talked with Macdonald about his influences and all things dessert.

When did you discover your love for baking?
It started when I was kid. My parents used to cook a lot, so I was always in the kitchen. I've always liked cooking generally, but pastries just stood out for me.

What's your favorite item on your menu?
We're just about to change the menu to the summer one, and my favorite thing is the strawberries and champagne.

What makes your pastries so special?
We try to make them as interesting as possible without being too crazy. We want to make it blend well with Hakkasan's food, so we try to make it light and clean. Also, we just try to make it look as good as possible because presentation is very important to us. Flavor always comes first, but presentation is important as well.

How does Hakkasan's Chinese flavor influence your decisions for the dessert menu?
We never try to do fusion foods, but as far as dessert, we just try to complement the foods. A lot of Hakkasan's foods are very spicy, and a lot of times people are pretty full, so again, we try to make sure the dessert is very light, clean and fresh. We try to keep it so that when you leave, you aren't too full.

Any advice for aspiring chefs?
Always try to improve, and never stop learning. The beauty of being a chef is that you can do it for 50 years and still go in and learn something every day.

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Cocktail of the week

You've only got 'til the end of the month to enjoy the Malacca Flip at Spice Market (403 W. 13th St., 212-675-2322), and it might be one of the first times you get to try the spirit it's named for, Tanqueray Malacca. Though discontinued in the early 2000s, the gin brand revived the bottle because bartenders were hoarding it. Not a Tanqueray fan? Word is, this is a bit more mellow.

1.75 oz. Tanqueray Malacca Gin
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Teachers Night Out: A Free End of the School Year Dance Party

**Tomorrow, 6 p.m.
Element, 225 E. Houston St., NYC, free, 212-254-2200, www.teachersnightoutnyc.eventbrite.com**
DJ Matte and others take over Element for a Friday evening treating the hardest-working people we all know: teachers. Attendees get a dance party full of pop hits, classic '80s jams and much more to celebrate school being out for the summer.

HEALTH

Solstice in Times Square: Athleta Mind Over Madness Yoga

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**Saturday, 7 p.m.
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FOOD & DRINK

Friday Night Bites with Morris Kitchen

**Tomorrow, 6 p.m.
New-York Historical Society, 170 Central Park West, free, 212-873-3400
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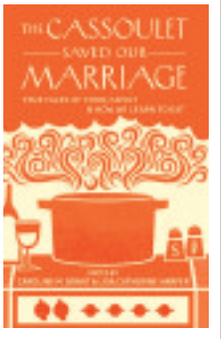

BOOKS

The Cassoulet Saved Our Marriage

Sunday, 7 p.m., BookCourt, 163 Court St., Brooklyn, free, 718-875-3677, www.bookcourt.com
Writers love to eat, so it is no surprise that a book like "The Cassoulet Saved Our Marriage" exists. Tonight, several authors included in the collection of essays that fuse food, family and books will discuss their stories and favorite dishes at BookCourt.

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Barbecue parties. Who says you have to fire up the grill yourself? Let others do the work for you this weekend.

Hudson Common's BeerBBQ

Pit pros from across the U.S. will descend on the Hudson Hotel this Saturday for a mouth-watering day of good eats, curated by Meatopia creator and James Beard winner Josh Ozersky (the man knows his meat). Get your fingers dirty in Southwestern Texas, Kansas City and North Carolina styles of grub; live music, craft beer, foosball matches and Southern-style cocktails round out the party. Tickets are $40-$65 at http://backofhouse.morganshotelgroup.com/hotel-events/beerbq-at-hudson/#6-22-2013.

SAVEUR Summer BBQ

The food mag knows how to throw a party: For this fest, its fourth, 18 chefs will prep their dishes in Central Park's Boat Basin. Guests can wash their tastings down with craft beers from Brewery Ommegang, cocktails from Tito's Handmade Vodka and Jacob's Creek wines. Tickets are $195 for two at www.giltcity.com/newyork/saveur-summerbbqjune.

Mulberry Project's Backyard BBQ

Every Sunday starting at 3 p.m., hit the Little Italy subterranean speakeasy (149 Mulberry St., 646-448-4536) for a $25 prix fixe menu of rotating barbecue classics and bespoke cocktails. Enjoy the festivities on the outdoor patio.

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Review

Draftmark: The new, at-home tap system

I can't be the only one who has ever gazed fondly upon their SodaStream and thought, "If only it would make beer." Beer behemoth Anheuser-Busch has heard our desires (or has finally figured out that the at-home, do-it-yourself drink market is very lucrative) and created the Draftmark Tap System.

A mass-produced tap system, Draftmark is an appliance that resembles a little keg, complete with a tap, that you place on the shelf of your fridge, kind of like the Heineken mini-keg. Unlike the Heineken mini-keg, however, you use it again and again with a refill. As of now, you have Bass Pale Ale, Budweiser, Michelob AmberBock, Shock Top Belgian White, Goose Island Honker's Ale and Goose Island IPA as your refill choices.

I found the set-up to be rather painless. You have to charge a mini-battery that carbonates the beer, so it's not instantaneous gratification, but inserting and changing the "keg" (which kind of resembles a gallon of soda) is pretty painless. And I found that "tapping" it is much easier than anything I had to undertake at a keg party. So far, it's produced a crisp, clean pint of beer night after night. Anheuser-Busch promises a fresh glass for 30 days.

The price point is right ($49.99 for the keg system itself and $13.99 and $15.99 for each one-gallon refill), the taste is bar-tap-quality perfect and it doesn't take up too much room in your fridge. And I have to hand it to Draftmark: They really have thought of everything to make this appealing to lazy people. The battery pack activates a pressurized system, which removes the need for additional CO_2 canisters, and each refill comes with its own spout, which eliminates any beer line cleaning.

And yet? I'm still nervous that the time will come when I can't find the battery charger or I don't remember to get refills and it will go into the great bin of unused kitchen appliances. And although the Draftmark is easy once you get set up, it's not as easy as just opening a bottle of beer. And we beer drinkers? Well, we like being lazy sometimes.

DOROTHY ROBINSON

Horoscope

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20. Do your best. In fact, if you really put your nose to the grindstone, you're likely to yield higher dividends than you ever thought possible.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22. Coworkers aren't likely to resent you taking charge, provided your ideas and methods are better than theirs.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. One way to substantially enhance your endeavors is to look out for the interests of your colleagues and not just your own.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. It's an excellent day to realize one of your dreams. Don't allow negativity to dampen your spirits.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. Both your work and your financial prospects look to be very encouraging. The chances of desirable results appear to be good.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. If you hope to be someone who gets, you must first be someone who gives. The luckiest developments occur when you prime the pump with generosity.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. A favorable shift in circumstances is likely regarding something that you've been dreading.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan 20. You should take advantage of every chance to meet new people. There's a strong possibility that you'll meet one you'll have an affinity with.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb 18. This could be a good day to launch a new endeavor, particularly if it's creative. It could turn out to have great appeal.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. If something negative has to be said to someone, you're the one who will have the ability to do so in a frank but kind manner.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20. Lady Luck doesn't always stick around for long, so take full advantage of her while she is on your side.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21. When making an important decision, you need to take careful stock of your alternatives. Only one or two will really work in the long run. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

Sudoku: Easy and hard

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How to play
Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

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6 Legally impede
11 Electrical unit
14 Rumormonger
15 Virgo's neighbor
16 A fifth of DX
17 Made a decision
18 Some hermits
19 Come to a conclusion
20 Slicker
22 Large amount
24 Bedecked
28 Kind of gallery
29 Break a promise
30 Paid homage
32 Leave out
33 Pry
35 Ticket info
39 Drop anchor
40 Over there
41 World's fair
42 Governess in Siam
43 Pose a question
45 Patio view
46 New York's — Island
48 Ms. Earhart
50 Problematic
53 Tough, as meat
54 Cook in embers
55 Hollows
57 Courtroom fig.
58 Non-earthling
60 Fiery dance
65 Charge
66 Place a bet
67 Big occasion
68 QB objectives
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70 Broadway opening

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2 Wise to
3 Diligent insect
4 Hwy.
5 Growing dim
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7 King's address
8 Ski transport (hyph.)
9 Moon, in verse
10 Whole heap
11 Vast expanse
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31 Fourth piggy's portion
34 Wall St. org.
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43 Whichever
44 "Rats!"
47 Canada's capital
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50 Wrapping paper
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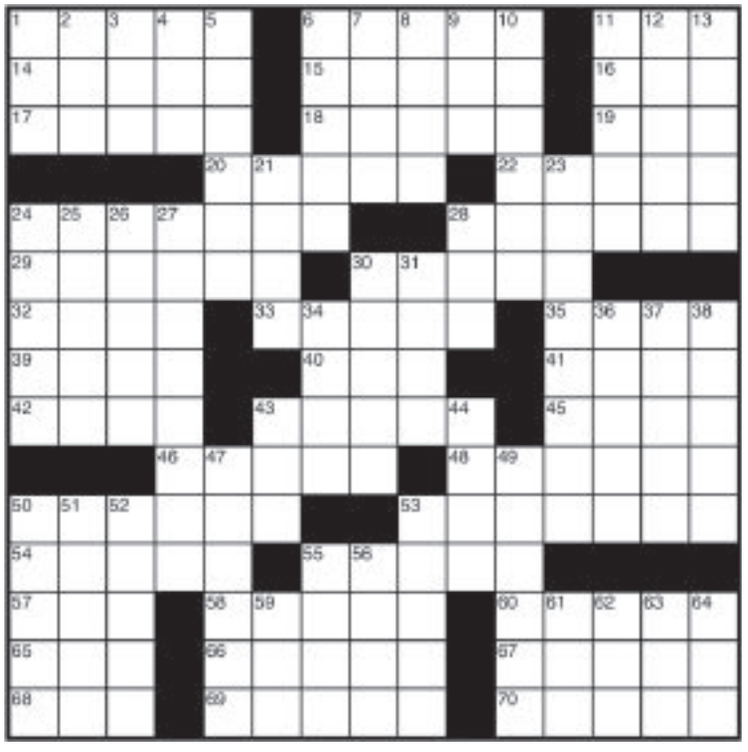

Letters

Don't need religion to be good

Re: 'Have a little faith in religion' (Metro, June 19) The comments of letter writers Annie Ferris and Linda Whittaker are both versions of the "religion is good because it is useful" argument. The problem with this argument is that the effect of any particular belief system tells us nothing about whether that belief system is true. Secondly, there are many excellent reasons available for behaving morally, doing good to others and demonstrating compassion. None of these reasons require that we stop being skeptical and place faith in Iron Age mythologies. **CRAIG S. SHOEMAKE, VIA EMAIL**

Specifics needed

Re: 'Get Snowden' (Metro, June 18) To letter writer Herb Stark: Before you go declaring Snowden guilty of treason, tell us exactly what laws he broke and to whom he's betrayed us. **JOSEPH CONNELL, VIA EMAIL**

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Puigmania invades Stadium for one day

MLB. The Dodgers rookie received his fair share of cheers in his Yankee Stadium debut.

Yasiel Puig, center, went 2-for-5 in the first game of yesterday's doubleheader. He was 23-for-48 (.479) on the season heading into the second game. / GETTY IMAGES

Time seemed to stand still yesterday every time Yasiel Puig stepped into the batter's box as the Yankees tried to figure out a way to retire the Cuban rookie who has taken the baseball world by storm since becoming a major leaguer on June 3.

He began his day by launching a few easy home runs during batting practice and while he struck out against Mariano Rivera in the ninth, he impressed plenty.

"You see that's he an aggressive young player," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said. "He has tools, a lot of tools. He has speed; he has power. He has a good arm and you recognize the tools right away. We saw it in the first inning what he was able to do. This is a game of adjustments as people see you go around the league the first time, but there's an awful lot to like about this kid."

In the early innings of games, Rivera stays in the clubhouse before heading to the bullpen and was watching Puig's early at-bats yesterday.

"I saw them. I mean, [they were] real aggressive. [He's] a young boy," Rivera said. "That's the way you play and you continue to play the way you learn. I don't see nothing wrong with that.

"You just have to be smart, that's all it is. A little bit too aggressive, I think, at first. ... So I mean I like to see young boys like that. I love to see the aggressiveness of young boys who come to play hard, that's the way you play the game of baseball."

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PED pain

Report: A-Rod met with Bosch during '12 ALCS

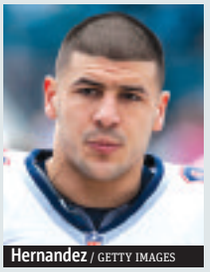
As if the performance-enhancing drug cloud around Alex Rodriguez couldn't get any worse, news broke yesterday that the Yankee met with disgraced Biogenesis founder Anthony Bosch during last year's ALCS.

The Miami New Times reported Rodriguez and Bosch met in Detroit during the series, though what happened in the meeting is not clear.

Rodriguez was previously named in reports as having received human-growth hormon from Bosch as recently as early 2012.

Manager Joe Girardi bench him against Detroit in the playoffs. He finished the 2012 postseason batting 3-for-25 (.120) with no RBIs. **METRO**

Off-field issues



Hernandez / GETTY IMAGES

Body linked to Hernandez identified

A body discovered in North Attleboro, Mass. Monday resulting in a search of Patriots tight end Aaron Hernandez's home was identified yesterday as 27-year-old semi-pro football player Odin Lloyd.

Hernandez was questioned by state and local police at his home following the discovery of Lloyd's body, which was found in an industrial yard less than a mile from Hernandez's home.

Police did not offer information on the investigation, however several reports claimed that Lloyd was dating the sister of Hernandez's girlfriend, and the two may have been together the night before his death.

MORGAN ROUSSEAU

NBA. On again, off again Celtics talks have started back up

At some point the 2013-14 season will start and the Doc Rivers-to-Los Angeles talk will finally end. In that stead, the rumors appear to be ongoing.

After reporting just a day ago the talks between the Celtics and Clippers had stalled, ESPN said yesterday they were restarted. The deal originally proposed involved sending Kevin Garnett and head coach Doc Rivers to Los Angeles in exchange for DeAndre Jordan and draft picks.

The Clippers have balked at including Eric Bledsoe in a deal and the two teams are negotiating draft picks. **METRO**

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Nicks: Missed OTAs not about money

NFL. The Giants wide receiver would still not comment on why he missed time.

Giants wideout Hakeem Nicks made the media rounds yesterday with one question coming up consistently.

Where were you during offseason organized team activities?

Nicks told NFL Network he did not miss the voluntary OTAs as a result of being unhappy with his contract. Nicks is a free agent after the season, and with him not giving the team a reason for his absences, some speculated money was to blame. Not so, says Nicks.

"I really don't talk about my contract in the media and stuff like that, [but] contract wasn't related," Nicks said.

OTAs are technically voluntary, though coaches would prefer otherwise. Nicks and Victor Cruz, who is in a contract dispute, were the only players not at the workouts.

Nicks was present at mandatory minicamp last week and said his relationship with head coach Tom Coughlin and management had been patched up.

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Nicks said he doesn't talk about his contract in the media. / GETTY IMAGES

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No fight

State won't vote on MMA

There will be no vote to legalize mixed martial arts in New York state.

A bill to regulate the sport stalled in the Assembly after being approved by the state Senate in March. With the legislative calendar ending this week, this would've been the final opportunity to pass a bill.

New York is the only state in the country in which MMA is still illegal. **METRO**

Pricey number

Revis ponies up $50K for jersey number

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ESPN reports former Jets cornerback Darrelle Revis paid $50,000 to Mark Barron to secure the No. 24 he wore in New York. Barron wore No. 4 in college, but switched to No. 24 as a rookie last year. **METRO**

Giants, Jets punter Jennings dead at 61

New York native Dave Jennings, who made a career for himself as both an NFL punter and broadcaster, has died at 61. Jennings played with the Giants from 1974-84 and finished his career with three years on the Jets. / GETTY IMAGES

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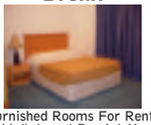
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